



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD, NINTH DISTRICT**

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### **COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD URGES HER COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO SUPPPORT OCEAN DISCOVERY INSTITUTE-LIVING LAB PROJECT**

**When:** Tuesday, June 18, 2:00pm Council Session

**Where:** City of San Diego, Administration Building,  
202 C Street, Council Chambers, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

**What:** Ocean Discovery Institute - Living Lab Project in City Heights

**Who:** City Councilmember Marti Emerald

**Why:** In 2011, Ocean Discovery Institute (ODI) was recognized for their community work, receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring from President Obama – the first award of its kind given in our region. ODI uses the ocean sciences to prepare tomorrow’s science and conservation leaders in order to transform lives and community with a focus in City Heights. The City Heights canyons provide an ideal platform for this work and connect this highly urbanized area to our coast.

ODI’s work includes projects that engage the entire City Heights community in science relevant to their daily lives, standards-based science programs in their schools, and intensive scientific education and college coaching that empower young people to pursue science careers. This work results in increases in environmental stewardship, science test scores, and numbers of students who attend college and pursue science degrees.

The City Council will be asked to approve the construction of an 11,737 square foot educational facility with a 380 square foot residential studio on a 0.64 acre site located at 4255 Thorn Street in the City Heights community

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